

LINDA SCATURRO ,  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
CAROLYN W. COLVIN,  
*Acting Commissioner of Social Security*,  
Defendant.

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Counsel stated that her typical hourly rate is \$375, and she has already been awarded \$6,500.00 in fees for her work before the Social Security Administration. [DE 60, 60-3].


While the contingency fee agreement is afforded significant weight, the Court must still consider whether the amount provided for is reasonable. This was a relatively straightforward social security claim, as reflected by the number of hours spent by counsel on this matter. An award of the full twenty-five percent of the past due award would be unreasonable and would amount to a windfall in this instance, given the number of hours spent by counsel on this matter and counsel's standard hourly rate. The Court finds that under the circumstances of this case, an award of \$18,000 in fees yields a reasonable result.

#### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, plaintiff's motion for attorney's fees pursuant to §406(b)(1) is GRANTED, but the award is reduced to \$18,000.00 for the reasons stated above.

SO ORDERED.

This 27 day of August, 2014.

  
TERRENCE W. BOYLE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE